for Street Children with the combin ed efforts of State Govt., Municipal Corporations and Voluntary Orga nisations. The programme will be funded by UNICEF and is proposed to be implemented in six metropoli tan cities, viz. Delhi, Bombay, Calcut ta, Madras, Bangalore and Hyderabad where the concentration of such cate gory of children is large. The com ponents of the programme includes nutritions nonformal education, health services vocational training with a view to rehabilitate them in society.

**Saraswati Vidya Mandir**

1696. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madhya Pradesh Government has taken a decision to give Saraswati Vidya Mandir run by RSS, the status of a regular secondary school and a Board has been constituted for the purpose;

(b) if so, whether the syllabus of this school is the same as that of other schools in the country; and

(c) if not, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to make a uniform syllabus for all schools in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed that it has not granted the status of a regular se-condary board to Vidya Bharati, Madhya Pradesh, a registered educational body managing the Saraswati Shishu Mandir Schools in the State. The State Government has permitted Vidya Bharati, Madhya Pradesh to constitute a state level board for holding public examinations of 5th and 8th standard in schools run by it (Vidya Bharati),

(b) The State Government has in formed that no relaxation has been given to schools run by Vidya Bha-, rati Madhya Pradesh in respect of syllabus and textbooks and it will remain the same as prescribed by the State Government for all elementary schools of the State.

(c) Based on the National Curricu- lar Framework, the syllabi and text books brought out by NCERT, the State Governments and Union Terri tories undertake measures of curicu- lum renewal and development of new textbooks for different stages of school education.

**Sahitya Academi award**

1697. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RE- SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's atten tion has been drawn to the newsitem entitled "An Asonishing Decision" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 21st June, 1992 to the effect that the Sahitya Academi award for 1991 for Punjabi language was given to such a writer who has expressed anti-national sentiments in his prize-winning book "Jhanan di Raat";

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what corrective steps Government have taken/propose to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA);

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Award was declared by the Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi on the recommendation of Dr. Amrik Singh, Smt. Amrita Pritam and Shri J. S. Ahluwalia, the

three final panel readers. It is learnt from the Sahitya Akademi that the copies of the book purchased by the Akademi from the market for submission to the final panel of judges contained 828 pages. On page 826 of the book under a poem two footnotes had erasures made by hand with black ink. The poem is said to be critical of Smt. Indira Gandhi and glorifies her assassin, tout in the poem there is no direct reference to Smt. Gandhi.

(c) The Akademi is fully autonomous body which taken its own decisions on such matters. It is learnt from the Sahitya Akademi that the Executive Board of the Akamedi has constituted a Committee to review the rules and procedures governing the Award. This Committee will also consider all aspects of the Award given to "Jhanan di Raat".

**Allocation for Sports**

1698. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN! RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Budget allocation for sports for the years 1990-91 1991-92 and 1992-93; and

(b) what measures Government propose to take to improve sports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RE SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPART MENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMTA BANERJEE): (a) The budgetary allocations are as follows:—

*(Rs. in Crores)*

| | plan | Non-Plan | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1990-91 | 48.56 | 15.18 | 63.64 |
| 1991-92 | 53.46 | 15.65 | 69.11 |
| 1992-93 | 4136 | 15.65 | 57.01 |

(b) The National Sports Policy 1984, the Guidelines to National Sports Federations, and all the Schemes of Sports have been reviewed recently. The Guidelines as well as the Schemes of Sports are being amended and updated on the basis of the recommendations of the experts/knowledgea-able persons and the past experience. A few new schemes are also being launched.

**Golden Jubilee Celeberation of Quit India Movement**

1699. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Quit India Movement;

(b) if so, the details of programmes and places where it is likely to be celebrated;

(c) the amount estimated to be spent on it;

(d) whether Government also propose to erect a memorial monument at the August Kranti Maidan, Bombay, and;

(e) whether Government propose to invite Governments! of those countries belonging to the sub-contient which participated and supported the movement?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OP